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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Status of County-Co-Sponsored Legislation**
  - **County-co-sponsored AB 879 (Burke)** – related to the notice of dependency hearings by electronic mail, passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee on April 14, 2015.
  - **County-co-sponsored SB 478 (Huff)** - related to an online system for receipt of child abuse reports, passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on April 14, 2015.
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
  - **County-supported AB 971 (Chang)** – related reimbursement to counties for expenses incurred to conduct special elections, passed the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee on April 15, 2015.
  - **County-supported AJR 11 (Burke)** – related to base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds, passed the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee on April 14, 2015.

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- **County-supported SB 321 (Beall)** – related to adjustment of the gas tax rate, passed the Senate Governance and Organization Committee on April 15, 2015.
  - **County-supported SB 614 (Leno)** – related to certification of mental health peer specialists, passed the Senate Health Committee on April 15, 2015.
  - **Status of Legislation of County Interest**
    - **SB 272 (Hertzberg)** – related to public availability of data collected by local government agencies, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on April 15, 2015.
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#### **Status of County-Co-Sponsored Legislation**

**County-co-sponsored AB 879 (Burke)**, which as introduced on February 26, 2015, would allow a county, or city and county, and the court to provide notice by electronic mail to parties in dependency cases, and would permit an individual to receive notice of scheduled dependency court hearings electronically. This measure passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10 to 0 on April 14, 2015 with amendments which are not yet in print. AB 879 now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-co-sponsored SB 478 (Huff)**, which as introduced on February 26, 2015, would create a voluntary pilot program, until January 1, 2021, in geographical areas identified by the California Department of Social Services and the County Welfare Directors Association for participating counties to allow specified mandated reporters to make initial reports of non-emergent child abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Agency through an online report, in lieu of telephonic reports. This measure passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on April 14, 2015, and now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported AB 971 (Chang)**, which as introduced on February 26, 2015, would require the State to reimburse counties for expenses incurred to conduct special elections, passed the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee by a vote of 5 to 1 on April 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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**County-supported AJR 11 (Burke and Atkins)**, which as introduced on March 4, 2015, would request the President and Congress to recognize the military value of California's defense installations and the disproportionate sacrifices California has endured in previous base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds, passed the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on April 14, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

**County-supported SB 321 (Beall)**, which as amended on March 26, 2015, would: 1) for FY 2015-16, and each fiscal year thereafter, require the Board of Equalization (BOE) to adjust the motor vehicle fuel tax rate to generate an amount of revenue equal to the amount of revenue loss attributable to the sales and use tax exemption based on estimates that reflect the combined average of the actual fuel price over the previous four fiscal years and the estimated fuel price for the current fiscal year; and 2) authorize the BOE to adjust the fuel tax rate more frequently, if the amount of revenue being generated will be significantly different than previously projected, passed the Senate Governance and Organization Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on April 15, 2015. This measure bill now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported SB 614 (Leno)**, which as amended on April 6, 2015, would establish the Peer and Family Support Specialist Certification to provide specialized training for peers who provide individualized support services to persons with mental health needs, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on April 15, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **Status of Legislation of County Interest**

**SB 272 (Hertzberg)**, which as amended on April 6, 2015, would require local government agencies to make a catalog of all data collected by the agency available to the public, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on April 15, 2015. This measure is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 21, 2015.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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